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My Lords and Gentlemen,

I Am glad to see you here again, to tell you what I have done in this Interval, which I am confident you will be pleased with, since it is so much for the Honour and Security of this Nation: I have made a League Defensive with the States of the *United Provinces*; and likewise a League for an efficacious Mediation of Peace between the two Crowns, into which League that of *Sweden* by its Ambassadour hath offered to enter as a Principal. I did not at Our last Meeting move you for any Aid, though I lie under great Debts contracted in the last War; but now the Posture of Our Neighbours abroad, and the Conse-

quence of the late Alliance will oblige Me for Our Security to set out a considerable Fleet to Sea this Summer; and besides, I must Build more Great Ships; and 'tis as necessary that I do some things in order to the Fortifying some of Our Ports. I have begun something My self in order to these Ends; but if I have not your speedy Assistance, I shall not be able to go through with it: Wherefore I do earnestly desire you to take it into your speedy Consideration; for the loss of a little time now, may beget a Prejudice not to be repaired. And for the setling a firm Peace as well at home as abroad, one thing more I hold My self obliged to recommend to you at this present: which is, That you would seriously think of some Course to beget a better Union and Composure in the minds of my Protestant Subjects, in Matters of Religion; whereby they may be induced, not onely to submit quietly to the Government, but also cheerfully give their assistance to the Support of it.

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